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For the Year 1970

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TO: His Worship the Mayor,
Alderman and Councillors
of the BOROUGH OF ARUNDEL.

Mr. Mayor, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the honour of presenting to you my Twenty-Third Annual Report on the Health of the Borough and the work of the Public Health Department during the Year 1970.

I wish to express my thanks to Members of the Council for their support, and to Mr. H.W. Simmonds, your Surveyor and Public Health Inspector, who has supplied most of the material for the Report.

I am, Mr. Mayor, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

V.P. GEOGHEGAN

Medical Officer of Health.

INTRODUCTION

The year 1970 passed in contemplation of the Redcliffe-Maud proposals for the reform of local government. The changes proposed centred on the organisation of large all purpose ("Unitary") Authorities and the virtual elimination of district councils as local authorities with any real power or responsibility. By now, after a change of government, entirely different, almost diametrically opposite, ideas for reform are current. Under these plans a process of combination and redrafting will generally increase the size of the areas administered by district councils and the principle of two tier administration so familiar in county areas for so long will be continued.

It was not to be expected that any kind of local government reform would please everybody; and the current proposals certainly do not have any appeal at all to smaller authorities likely to be submerged in larger ones, or to Boroughs which fear a loss of their identity in the process of reorganisation.

From a purely partisan viewpoint, it is to be hoped that whatever emerges from the "revolution" will retain at least those features of Public Health and Preventive Medicine administration which have proved successful in the past. It is nearly a century since the present system was organised and public health legislation was consolidated in the 1875 Act, so that some reform was long overdue. There is, however, much discussion, particularly in academic circles of a being called the "Community Physician" and a real possibility that he will oust the Medical Officer of Health in the new Jerusalem, the estimated date of birth of which is in April 1974.

It is true that the "Sanitary Inspector" did not lose either his importance or his identity when he became the "Public Health Inspector" in 1956. A simple change of name is therefore perhaps not of critical importance, but the qualifications, interests and responsibilities of the Public Health Inspector and of the Medical Officer of Health (under whatever designation he may eventually find himself labouring) have always been complementary and they have worked side by side in most authorities in harmony. The arrangement by which the Public Health Inspector works "under the general supervision of the Medical Officer of Health" is no longer justified, and it is to be hoped that he will emerge as a Chief Officer in his own right. It would certainly be a backward step if the Public Health Inspector of the new district authority were to find himself under the control of a Superintendent Public Health Inspector of the upper tier authority.

SECTION I

STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS

This small country Town on the banks of the River Arun is a shopping centre for the surrounding villages.

The population finds employment in agriculture and its ancillary industries, on the Norfolk Estate and in retail and catering trades encouraged by the increasing number of Summer visitors.

GENERAL STATISTICS

Area in Acres	2,054
Registrar-General's Estimate of Home Population :	
Mid-Year 1969	2,990
Mid-Year 1970	3,030
Number of Inhabited Dwellings	1,059
Rateable Value (31st December, 1970)	£ 125,037
Sum Represented by a Penny Rate	£ 485

VITAL STATISTICS

Live Births

ARUNDEL BOROUGH						Birth Rate per 1,000 Population				
Total number (after adjustment for transfers)						Birth Rate per 1,000 population		West Sussex Districts		England and Wales
Year	Total	Sex		Illegitimate		population		Rural	Urban	Wales
		M	F	Number	%					
1969	32	16	16	1	3.1	10.7	13.2	18.1	15.1	16.3
1970	35	13	22	2	5.7	11.6	14.3	17.6	14.5	16.0

Stillbirths

ARUNDEL BOROUGH				Rate per 1,000 total	
Total Number (after adjustment for transfers)				(live & still) Births	
Year	Total	Sex		Arundel Borough	England and Wales
		M	F		
1969	-	-	-	-	13.0
1970	-	-	-	-	13.0

Vital Statistics (Contd.)

Total (live and still) Births

<u>1970:</u>		<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Live Births	..	13	22	35
Still Births	..	<u>nil</u>	<u>nil</u>	<u>-</u>
Totals		<u>13</u>	<u>22</u>	<u>35</u>

Infant Mortality - Deaths of Infants under 1 Year

INFANT DEATHS					RATES PER 1,000 LIVE BIRTHS			
Year	ARUNDEL BOROUGH				Arundel Borough	West Sussex		England and Wales
	Total	Sex		Illegit- imate		R.D's.	U.D's	
		M	F					
1969	1	-	1	-	31.	14.	16.	15.
1970	-	-	-	-	-	21.	19.	20

INFANT MORTALITY RATES			- ARUNDEL BOROUGH	
Year	Legitimate Infants per 1,000 legitimate live births		Illegitimate Infants per 1,000 illegitimate live births	
1969	32.		-	
1970	-		-	

	Neo-Natal Mortality (Deaths under 4 weeks)		Early Neo-Natal Mortality (Deaths under 1 week)		Perinatal Mortality (Stillbirths and Deaths under 1 week combined)	
	1970	1969	1970	1969	1970	1969
Total Deaths	nil	1	nil	nil	nil	nil
Mortality Rate per 1,000 total live births	-	31.	nil	nil	nil	nil
Mortality Rate per 1,000 live & still births					nil	31.

Neo-Natal Mortality Rate for
England and Wales - 12. per 1,000 live births

Vital Statistics (Contd.)

Maternal Deaths (including Abortion)

Arundel Borough		Maternal Mortality Rate per 1,000 total births			
Year	Total Deaths	Arundel Borough	West Sussex		England and Wales
			R.D's.	U.D's.	
1969	-	-	0.4	-	0.19
1970	-	-	-	-	

Deaths

ARUNDEL BOROUGH				WEST SUSSEX DISTRICTS		ENGLAND AND WALES	
Total Deaths (after adjustment for transfers)				Death Rates per 1,000 population		Death Rate per 1000 population	
Year	Total	Sex					
		M	F	Crude	Corr.	Rural	Urban
1969	47	24	23	15.71	9.6	9.1	10.1
1970	50	28	22	16.5	11.6	9.3	10.3

The chief causes of death were :

		<u>1970</u>	<u>1969</u>
(i) Neoplasms ..	..	11	7
(ii) Diseases of Heart ..	..	15	16
(iii) Respiratory Diseases ..	..	11	9
(iv) Vascular lesions of nervous system		8	7

The above four causes accounted for 45 or 90% of the total deaths recorded during the Year.

Of the total deaths, 42 or 84% occurred in persons aged 65 years or over, 29 or 58% of the total deaths occurring in persons aged 75 years or over.

The table on page 8 shows the causes of death, ages and sex distribution.

Table of Causes of Death at Different Periods of Life - 1970

Causes of Death	Sex	All Ages	Y e a r s				
			35-	45-	55-	65-	75-
Other Infective and Parasitic Diseases	M	1	-	-	-	1	-
	F	-	-	-	-	-	-
Malignant Neoplasm, Oesophagus	M	1	-	-	-	-	1
	F	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ditto Stomach	M	1	-	-	-	-	1
	F	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ditto Lung, .	M	2	-	-	-	2	-
Bronchus	F	1	-	-	-	-	1
Ditto Uterus	F	1	-	-	-	-	1
Ditto Prostate	M	1	-	-	-	-	1
Leukaemia	M	-	-	-	-	-	-
	F	1	-	-	1	-	-
Other Malignant Neoplasms	M	3	-	1	-	1	1
	F	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other Diseases of Nervous System	M	1	-	-	-	-	1
	F	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ischaemic Heart Disease	M	6	-	-	1	3	2
	F	9	-	-	1	-	8
Cerebrovascular Disease	M	5	-	-	1	2	2
	F	3	-	-	-	-	3
Pneumonia	M	5	-	-	-	2	3
	F	3	-	-	-	1	2
Bronchitis and Emphysema	M	1	-	-	-	1	-
	F	2	-	-	1	-	1
Other Diseases of Digestive System	M	-	-	-	-	-	-
	F	1	-	-	1	-	-
Motor Vehicle Accidents	M	-	-	-	-	-	-
	F	1	-	-	-	-	1
Suicide and Self-Inflicted Injuries	M	1	-	-	1	-	-
	F	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL ALL CAUSES	M	28	-	1	3	12	12
	F	22	-	-	4	1	17

SECTION II.

GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES

Hospitals:

The hospitals providing accommodation and treatment for residents of the Borough are administered by the South-West Metropolitan Regional Hospital Board, and are as follows :

Hospital	Telephone Number	Number of Beds
<u>General Hospitals:</u>		
ROYAL WEST SUSSEX HOSPITAL : (St. Richard's, Spitalfield Lane, Chichester (Broyle Road, Chichester	Chichester 88122 82685	400 202
Southlands Hospital, Shoreham-by-Sea	Shoreham 2381	411
Worthing Hospital, Lyndhurst Road, Worthing	Worthing 7282	205
Royal Sussex County Hospital, Eastern Rd., Brighton (This is a combination - as from 4th October, 1970 - of Brighton General Hospital and Sussex Maternity Home and Women's Hospital, providing 323 General Beds and 66 Maternity Beds, plus 24 Cots with Special Care Baby Unit of 2 Beds and 22 Cots).	Brighton 66611	389
Arundel & District Hospital, Chichester Rd., Arundel (* 12 Acute Medical (General Practitioner) beds, and 8 Chronic/Geriatic beds for relief short- stay cases)	Arundel 3243	20 *
Swandean Hospital, Arundel Road, Worthing (+ Non-operative due to lack of staff) (* Staffed and available for geriatric Cases).	Swandean 1821	9 + 129 *
<u>Chest Hospitals:</u>		
Aldingbourne Chest Hospital and Chest Clinic Norton, Near Chichester	Eastergate 2229	54
Aldingbourne Chest Hospital Annexe and Chest Clinic, Hawthorn Road, Bognor Regis	Bognor Regis 23151	45
<u>Maternity:</u>		
Zachary Merton Maternity Home Rustington	Rustington 4155	62

General Provision of Health Services (Contd.)

Laboratory Service

Examinations are carried out for this Authority by the Public Health Laboratory at St. Mary's Hospital, Portsmouth. Three samples of chlorinated water taken from the public mains supply were examined during the year.

Ambulances

The Local Health Authority (the West Sussex County Council) provides an ambulance service with ambulances operating from Littlehampton. The same Authority provides a hospital car service in the area.

Home Nursing and Midwifery

The West Sussex County Council provides Nursing Services.

All the nursing staff in the Arundel area are attached to General Practitioners.

Treatment Centres and Clinics.

Held at:

Audiology	-	Chichester
Child Health Clinics	-	Arundel, Chichester and Littlehampton.
Ante-Natal Clinic	-	Arundel
School Clinics (Minor Ailments)	-	Littlehampton
Eye Clinics	-	Arundel, Chichester and Littlehampton
Dental Clinics	-	Held in Dental Mobile Unit
Speech Therapy Clinics	-	Littlehampton and in Schools
Chest Clinic	-	Aldingbourne Chest Hospital
Venereal Diseases Clinics	-	Worthing Hospital and Royal West Sussex Hospital, St. Richard's, Chichester.

SECTION III.

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES

Water Supply

The Borough is within the area supplied by the Worthing Borough Water Undertaking. The supply is from a borehole and well situated off Mill Road near Swanbourne Lake. Water is pumped unfiltered to reservoirs in Arundel Park and Herons Wood, and is chlorinated at the Waterworks before distribution.

Every house in the Borough has a piped main water supply.

Three specimens of chlorinated water from consumers taps were submitted for bacteriological examination during the year, and were found to be of satisfactory purity. No samples were submitted for chemical or mineral examination.

A new 3" water main of 175 yards length was laid during 1970.

Drainage and Sewerage

The Council have two sewage disposal works - a small works in Fitzalan Road on the south side of the River Arun, and the main works in Ford Road on the north side. In addition, there are four small works installed by private estate developers which take drainage from 40 houses. The outfalls are to the River Arun which necessitates holding tanks as the River is tidal.

There are several other direct outfalls from the soil and surface water sewers to the River apart from the outfalls earlier mentioned. The majority of these are penstock controlled, some manually and some automatic. Nearly all of these outfalls are in the old town section of the Borough.

The sewers are partially separated - some rain water is received into the sewage works, the remainder runs into separate sewers which discharge into the River Arun.

The main sewerage works are very antiquated and were originally designed for chemical precipitation and sludge pressing. Settlement in the primary and secondary holding tanks before discharge to the River is the only treatment now given. During the year works of repair were carried out to the walls of the holding tank.

Some 200 yards of 6" storm water sewer were laid.

In order to deal with back flooding to dwellings in Fitzalan Road, a 2" petrol driven pump was installed adjacent to the outfall. This enables the sewage to be lifted as required and disposed of at a higher level than the normal discharge. It is, however, evident that the amount of rain water getting into the sewers on this system is a contributing factor to the collection tank being unable to cope with

Drainage and Sewerage (Contd.)

the effluent during very high tides. Consideration is now being given to the installation of an automatic electrically operated float control pump to eliminate manual operational difficulties. Back flooding of the soil and storm water sewers takes place in several parts of the Town, mainly due to high tides which occasionally lock various outfalls and so prevent discharges, and also to faulty penstocks.

Two penstocks to the sewer outfalls were renewed during the year, and a further two were reconditioned.

For several years the main sewer in Ford Road has caused trouble by repeatedly blocking. In view of suspected breakage the sewer was opened up at the point of blockage and the trouble ascertained (a length of five chain rods with ferrule which someone had "lost").

Thirty-eight premises have water carriage sanitation and either drain to cesspools, septic tanks or soakaways. All these premises are situated in positions which make it impossible to connect to a sewer, or where main drainage is not available.

No cesspool emptying is carried out by the Council.

Public Conveniences

The Corporation have two buildings housing public conveniences, one for both sexes on the Town Quay and the other in Mill Road for ladies only.

Both are satisfactorily maintained and all sections have facilities for the washing of hands. Repeated vandalism, however, makes this facility difficult to maintain.

Rivers and Streams

No action was necessary to check pollution of streams in the area.

A varying number of vessels are moored to wharves on the River Arun. These craft are mainly for Summer use and the number of moorings used continues to increase.

Public Cleansing

The collection of household refuse in the Borough is carried out weekly by the Council. Trade refuse is also removed by agreement. Four employees are fully engaged on refuse collection and disposal, which is carried out with a rear loading Dennis Paxitt II machine.

The partial collection of waste paper and scrap metals has continued and the following materials were disposed of :

Public Cleansing (Contd.)

		<u>Tons</u>	<u>Cwts</u>	<u>Qrs.</u>	<u>£.</u>	<u>s.</u>	<u>d.</u>
Waste Paper	..	27	17	-	196	11	-
Ferrous Metals	..	1	-	-	5	-	-
Textiles	..		6	-	3	-	-
Totals		29	3	-	£ 204	11	-

The total amount collected was 3 Tons 5 Cwts more than in 1969, with an increase in revenue of £50. 6. 9d. largely due to the continued market for waste paper.

Refuse Disposal

The filling of the lower ravine in Canada Road, adjacent to the old tip, has continued. A plentiful supply of soil has been available for this purpose, and following repeated bulldozing, a considerable area has now been levelled.

Tipping continued satisfactorily at the Scotland Barn quarry until July, when after some eighteen years use, the quarry was finally levelled, then covered with earth and bulldozed to rough levels. This tip was first started in 1950, but had to be abandoned for two years because of underground fires which it was impossible to extinguish.

A new road has been made to a second quarry of much smaller size situated about 150 yards further off the Chichester Road and behind the previous tip. This has been in use since August and is rapidly filling. As a result negotiations are in hand for the use of a further site to follow on after completion of the second quarry.

During the year the Corporation gave assistance to the Littlehampton Urban District Council who were in difficulties with their tipping arrangements.

Every effort is made to carry out "controlled tipping" and one employee is engaged full-time on the tip for this purpose. To keep under control the potential menace of flies and rats, the tip is sprayed and regularly treated.

Under the Civic Amenities Act, 1966, local authorities are responsible for the disposal of old cars, large unwanted furniture etc. Whilst this service can be chargeable, it does create additional work and such bulky items have undoubtedly lessened the life of the tips. During the year some five cars were disposed of.

The Corporation has continued the scavenging of County Roads as well as the emptying of street gullies in the District Roads.

Clean Air Act, 1956

No action has been necessary.

Offices, Shops and Railway Premises Act, 1963

The following information was supplied to the Ministry of Labour on Form OSR.14, concerning the administration of this Act, for the year ended 31st December, 1970 :

Class of Premises	Premises registered during year	TOTAL REGISTERED PREMISES 31.12.70.	No. of persons employed	Premises generally inspected during year
Offices	-	13	85	5
Retail Shops	-	30	105	21
Wholesale Shops, etc.	-	1	3	-
Catering Establishments	-	6	60	6
Fuel Storage Depots	-	2	4	1
TOTALS	-	52	257	33
Total Inspections of Registered Premises	49	Males Females	115 142	

No accidents were reported under the Act

Eradication of Bed Bugs, Fleas, etc.

No complaints were received and no action was necessary.

Tents, Vans and Sheds

Numerous enquiries are received, particularly in the Summer months, for sites for caravans and campers. Most of them find accommodation in the rural areas to the south of the Borough.

Observation is, however, kept on the occasional caravan camper who is found parked on the roadside verge or some other similar spot.

There are no sites in the Borough licensed under the Public Health Act, 1936, or the Caravan Sites and Control of Development Act, 1960. Nor have the Corporation adopted Byelaws to control tents, vans and sheds.

Swimming Pools

The Corporation's open air swimming pool, opened in July, 1960, and known as the "Fitzalan Pool" is on land presented by the Duke of Norfolk and incorporates the main pool, a childrens' paddling pool, cafe and grass and sun bathing picnic areas.

Both pools are supplied with mains water which is circulated, filtered, chlorinated and aerated through cascades. During term time the pool was used by twelve local schools for instructional and recreational purposes.

Samples of the pool water taken for bacteriological examination were reported upon as being of the highest standard of purity.

Rats and Mice Destruction

Matters regarding rodent control are dealt with by the Council's part-time Rodent Operator. As a result of independent investigations, block control and complaints received, only a few minor infestations were discovered and dealt with.

Schools

A scheme for the modernisation of the toilets at the Church of England School was completed during the year. These facilities are now provided within the school buildings and the outside toilets abandoned.

Mortuary

The Corporation own and maintain a mortuary which is situated in Ford Road adjoining the Cemetery. The building is well equipped and kept in a satisfactory condition.

Pet Animals Act, 1951

There are no such premises licensed within the Borough.

Rag Flock and Other Filling Materials Act, 1951

No premises in the district are registered under this Act.

Petroleum and Carbide.

Ten licences for the storage of petroleum spirit were issued under the Petroleum (Regulation) Acts during 1970. Sixteen visits of inspection were made and the storage arrangements of the applicants were found to be satisfactory. Premises licensed are as follows :

(a) Garage premises for re-sale	5
(b) Commercial and Agricultural consumers (Not for re-sale)	5

No offences were observed under the Act.

Factories Act, 1961.

Prescribed Particulars on the Administration of Factories Act

Part I of the Act:

1. Inspections for purposes of provisions to health (including inspections made by the Public Health Inspector).

Factories Act, 1961 (Contd.)

Premises (1)	Number on Register (2)	Inspection (3)	Written Notices (4)	Occupiers Prosecuted (5)
1 Factories in which Sections 1,2,3,4 & 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities :	5	3	-	-
2 Factories not included in (1) in which Sec.7 is enforced :	22	30	3	-
3 Other premises in which Sec. 7 is enforced :	2	2	-	-
TOTALS	29	35	3	-

2. CASES in which DEFECTS were found :

Particulars (1)	Number of cases in which defects were found				Number of Cases where prosecutions instituted (6)
	Found (2)	Remedied (3)	H.M.Inspector		
			Ref.to (4)	Ref.by (5)	
Want of Cleanliness(S.1)	3	3	-	-	-
Overcrowding(S.2)	-	-	-	-	-
Unreasonable Temperature(S.5)	-	-	-	-	-
Inadequate Ventilation(S.4)	-	-	-	-	-
Ineffective Drainage of Floors (S.6)	-	-	-	-	-
Sanitary Conveniences(S.7):					
(a) Insufficient	-	-	-	-	-
(b) Unsuitable/defective	1	1	-	-	-
(c) Not separate for Sexes	-	-	-	-	-
Other Offences (not including Outworkers)	-	-	-	-	-
TOTALS	4	4	-	-	-

Part VIII of the Act - Outworkers - Sections 133 and 134:

Nature of Work (1)	No. of Outworkers in August list re- quired by Sect. 133 (2)	No. of cases of default in sending lists to Council (3)	No. of prosecutions for failure to supply lists (4)	No. of instances of work in unwholesome premises (5)	Notices served (6)	Prose- cutions (7)
Wearing Apparel, etc.	2	-	-	-	-	-

SUMMARY OF VISITS AND INSPECTIONS

Under Public Health and Housing Acts :

Infectious Disease	..	..	-
Ice Cream Premises	..	..	1
Butchers' Shops	..	..	2
Dairies ..	..	..	-
Other Food Premises	..	..	34
Tents, Vans and Sheds	..	..	-
Offices and Shops Act	..	..	49
Public Conveniences	..	..	12
Water Supplies and Appliances		..	11
Refuse Disposal and Tips ..		..	80
Sewerage Works and Sewers		..	28
Building Regulations	..	..	425
Dangerous Structures	..	..	2
Miscellaneous	..	..	140
Re-visits ..	..	..	90
Re Improvement Grants	..	..	34

Other Visits :

Council House Repairs and Maintenance	..		27
Council House Tenancies ..	..	..	7
District Roads	..	..	221
Street Lighting	..	..	49
Petroleum Regulations	..	..	16
Town Planning	..	..	29
Allotments	..	..	1
Swimming Pool	..	..	106
Recreation Grounds	..	..	95

Work and Improvements :

Dustbins provided	..	..	25
Drains re-laid	..	..	6
Drains tested	..	..	19
Drains cleared	..	..	11
New Drains laid	..	..	14
Premises connected to water main		..	10
Premises connected to main drainage		..	9
New cesspools	..	..	1

Summary of Visits and Inspections (Contd.)

Summary:

Total Inspections made for all purposes			1,523
Notices Served :			
(a) Informal	..	..	14
(b) Statutory	..	..	-
Complaints Received	..	..	14
Nuisances found and abated		..	7

Interviews:

(a) Building Regulations	..	..	58
(b) Town Planning	..	..	99
(c) Advertisements	..	..	8
(d) Housing Repairs and Tenancies	..	..	36
(e) Street Lighting	..	..	24
(f) Housing - Improvement Grants	..	..	32
(g) Water	..	..	11
(h) Refuse Collection and Disposal	..	..	8
(i) District Roads	..	..	14
(j) Sewers and Drains	..	..	15
(k) Miscellaneous	..	..	78
		Total	<u>383</u>

SECTION IV

HOUSING

Re-Housing

Seven families were re-housed by the Corporation during the year - all to fill casual vacancies occurring in existing dwellings.

Waiting List

Only applicants who reside or work in the Borough are accepted on the re-housing list, and at the close of the year the Council's list recorded some 93 applicants for Council Houses.

Council Houses - Repairs and Maintenance

Apart from specialists work, all repairs and maintenance to the Corporation properties are carried out by direct labour. Each dwelling contributes £17 per annum to the Housing Repairs Fund.

In addition to repairs and maintenance, the Council operates a free issue scheme for decorating materials as they do not undertake the internal decoration of their houses.

New Council Houses

No dwellings were erected in 1970. A scheme providing 14 Old Peoples' flats was approved by the Ministry during the year, and works commenced in December. Prior to these works being started a new road was formed and sewered to take the development.

Holmes Foundation

Through funds made available to the Corporation by the late Mrs. L. Holmes, the Corporation erected six old peoples' dwellings in 1964. Two further dwellings were erected in 1968.

These eight dwellings are managed by the Corporation.

Almshouses

Following the modernisation of their pre-war houses, the Council turned their attention to the Almshouses under their control. A scheme for the modernisation and improvement of the four single persons dwellings in Mount Pleasant has been approved by the Corporation, and in view of the lack of space available for modernisation it has been decided to convert the four bungalows into two dwellings.

Following approval of the scheme by the Ministry of Housing and Local Government, an improvement grant was obtained and two dwellings have so far been converted into one unit.

Malthouse Cottages

These seven old dwellings were acquired by the Corporation about 1930. Four of the dwellings then existed but three bungalows were formed out of existing buildings.

Malthouse Cottages (Contd.)

As a result of the condition of these dwellings, the Council decided upon a policy of gradual clearing and demolition and hope to redevelop the site for housing purposes when clearance has been effected. Six of the tenants of these dwellings have now been rehoused and some demolition and site clearance has been commenced.

Garages

The Corporation have 106 garages on their Housing Estates and have car parking space available on two sites.

Summary of Housing Accommodation administered by the Corporation

Set out herewith are details of housing accommodation administered by the Corporation at the 31st December, 1970 :

Council Houses:

Erected pre-war	..	..	74	
Erected post-war	..	..	<u>189</u>	= 263
Holmes Foundation	..	..	8	
Almshouses	..	..	5	
Miscellaneous	..	..	<u>5</u>	= 18
		TOTAL		<u>281</u>

Private Housing

The year was again one of good progress towards better housing conditions, and a large number of alterations, repairs and improvements have taken place to the older houses.

Since 1946, the Corporation have acquired 20 sub-standard houses with the object of demolition. Of these 19 have been demolished and the other reconditioned, improved and relet.

The Corporation has endeavoured to continue an effective policy of demolition and closing of houses in such a condition as to be quite unfit for human habitation. During the past twenty years, 51 such houses have been demolished and a further 29 closed.

Wherever possible, however, the Council welcome the submission of schemes of improvements and modernisation of such buildings. By this means 35 demolition or closing orders have been revoked and good houses resulted. In addition, a number of "borderline" houses have been reconditioned by means of improvement grants.

The Corporation informed the Minister of Housing and Local Government in August, 1955, that they proposed dealing with 40 sub-standard houses in the following five years. The Minister was further informed in 1960 that the Council intended during the next five years to deal with a further 20 such premises. In fact so far 68 such dwellings have been dealt with as follows :

Private Housing (Contd.)

(a) Closing Orders

Orders made	..	..	18
Houses closed	..	..	18
Families rehoused		..	15
Houses still occupied		..	-
Orders revoked after reconditioning			13
Undertakings to recondition accepted			3

(b) Demolition Orders

Orders made	..	..	36
Houses demolished		..	23
Houses closed	..	..	27
Families rehoused		..	24
Houses still occupied		..	-
Orders revoked after reconditioning			22
Undertakings to recondition accepted			19

(c) Voluntary Repair and Improvement Schemes 13

Improvement Grants

The introduction of improvement grants, first commenced under the House Purchase Act, 1957, stimulated interest in the general improvement of older houses.

After a period of inactivity, it is evident from the number of enquiries and applications for grants received, that the Housing Act, 1969, with its increased financial aid, has once again aroused interest in the carrying out of improvement works.

The following is a summary of applications received and dealt with during 1970 :

Grant	Number Approved	Max. Amount Approved
DISCRETIONARY - Private Houses	2	£ 1,647
STANDARD - Private Houses	9	745
TOTALS	11	£ 2,392

Grant	Amount Paid	No. of Premises Improved	Owner Occupied.	W.C.	Facilities Provided		
					Bath	W.H.B.	Hot Water
DISCRETIONARY: Private	£ 957	1	1	1	1	1	1
STANDARD: Private	£1,177	11	7	8	6	9	11
TOTALS	£2,134	12	8	9	7	10	12

Improvement Grants (Contd.)

The following is a summary of works carried out in the Borough, under improvement grants, from their inception to the 31st December, 1970 :

Standard Improvement Grants:

	<u>Number Approved</u>	<u>Grants Paid</u>
	102	£ 11,528 (9 unclaimed)
<u>Council Houses(Treasury Grants)</u>	53	
<u>Discretionary Grants:</u>	21	£ 5,655 (2 not claimed)

A total of 176 houses have therefore been improved by grants which is approximately 18% of the total dwellings in the Borough. Grants made by the Council have totalled £17,184.

Of the 123 private houses concerned, 79 have been owner/occupied and 44 rented dwellings. The result of these works has meant, among other things, the installation of :

Internal W.C's	97
Baths	103
Wash Hand Basins	162
Hot Water Supplies	171
Food Stores	95

The Council have not considered it necessary to enforce their powers of compulsory improvements under the Housing Act, 1969.

Rent Act, 1957

No applications were received for certificates of disrepair.

New Houses - Private Enterprise

Three houses were completed by private enterprise and 5 more were under construction.

Five more houses were erected and 2 were under construction, together with roads and services, on a private estate adjoining the Borough but within the Chichester Rural District.

This makes some 149 houses in the Parish of Tortington now linked with the Corporation's sewers and water mains.

Housing Act, 1969

Qualification certificates have been issued to the owners of five dwellings under this Act.

Housing Statistics

1. Inspection of Dwelling Houses during the Year

(1) (a)	Total number of dwelling houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts)	..	19
(b)	Number of inspections made for the purpose	..	28
(2) (a)	Number of dwelling houses under sub-heading (1) above which were inspected and recorded under the Housing Consolidated Regulations, 1925	..	19
(b)	Number of inspections made for the purpose	..	28
(3)	Number of dwelling houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation	.. ..	1
(4)	Number of dwelling houses (exclusive of those referred to under preceding sub-headings), found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation	..	9

2. Remedying of Defects without Service of Formal Notice

Number of defective dwelling houses rendered fit in consequence of formal action taken by the Local Authority	..	19
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3. Remedying of Defects with service of Formal Notice

Number of defective dwelling houses rendered fit in consequence of formal action taken by the Local Authority	..	nil
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4. Action under Statutory Powers

Proceedings under the Housing Act, 1957 :

Demolition Orders

Houses demolished	1
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Closing Orders

Closing Orders made	nil
Houses Closed	nil
Closing Orders revoked	nil
Undertakings received	..	..	..	nil
Works in progress	..	..	..	nil

5. Housing Act, 1957 - Overcrowding

There are no recorded cases of overcrowding in the Borough, no new cases having been brought to light during 1970.

Dangerous Structures - Public Health Act - Section 58.

Informal Notice regarding repair of one dangerous structure was served and complied with during the year.

Section V.

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD

Milk Supply

All the farms in the Borough are supplied with mains water, and the position at the end of the year was as follows :

Number of :

Farms in the Borough ..	..	4
Farms actually producing milk ..	..	2
Dairymen (Milk Sellers) ..	..	3
Inspections of Milk Shops ..	..	-
Contraventions found ..	..	-

Milk Samples

No samples were submitted for biological examination

The Milk (Special Designations) Regulations, 1960

As a result of these Regulations the duties regarding annual licensing and of milk sampling passed to the County Council as the Food and Drugs Authority.

Meat and Other Foods

There are no slaughterhouses in use in the Borough. The following inspections of butchers' shops and vehicles have been carried out during the year :

Butchers' Shops ..	2
Vehicles ..	1

Slaughter of Animals Act, 1958

One renewal licence to slaughter animals was granted by the Council during 1970. No new licences were issued.

Food Premises

Byelaws concerning the "Handling, Wrapping and Delivery of Food and Sale of Food in the Open Air" made under Section 15 of the Food and Drugs Act, 1938, were confirmed by the Ministry of Food in 1950.

There are 68 food premises in the Borough as follows :

Bakehouses ..	nil
Butchers' Shops ..	3
Catering Establishments	17
Confectioners ..	12
Chemists	2
Fishmongers ..	1
Grocers	11
Greengrocers ..	5
Licensed Premises ..	15
Corn Stores ..	1
Fried Fish Shop ..	1

Food Premises (Contd.)

Thirty-four visits of inspection were made to food premises during the year. Generally the cafes and food shops maintain a high standard of cleanliness.

No contraventions of the Food Hygiene Regulations were observed.

Food Condemned at Food Stores.

The following items of food were found to be unfit for human consumption and were condemned :

2 Cwts. Fish Cakes, Risseles, etc.
7 Lbs. Huss

Bakehouses

There are no bakehouses in use in the Borough. All bread now sold is baked elsewhere and is mainly pre-wrapped.

Ice Cream

Twenty-four premises in the Borough are registered under the Food and Drugs Act for the sale of Ice Cream. No Ice Cream is manufactured in the Borough.

All Ice Cream is sold wrapped as delivered to the retailers by the manufacturers.

The result of samples taken by the Food and Drugs Authority for fat content are not available for inclusion in this report.

Fried Fish Shops

There is one fish frying establishment in the Borough.

Water Cress

Visits of inspection were made to the watercress beds in the Borough during the year. No complaints were received.

Food Adulteration

The West Sussex County Council is the Authority responsible for the Food Adulteration Sections of the Food and Drugs Act. Details of the samples taken in the Borough are not available for inclusion in this report.

SECTION VI

PREVALENCE AND CONTROL OF DISEASES

Only four notifications of infectious disease - all of Scarlet Fever - were received during 1970.

Cancer

Eleven deaths (8 males, 3 females) were attributed to Cancer during the year (7 in 1969).

The Cancer Death Rate for 1970 per one thousand of the estimated home population is 3.3 (2.3 in 1969). The corresponding rates for the Administrative County and the Urban and Rural Districts of West Sussex are 3.2, 3.1 and 3.0 respectively.

Diphtheria

(a) Notifications. No case of diphtheria has been notified in the Borough since 1945.

(b) Immunisation against Diphtheria and other diseases is carried out either at the Maternity and Child Welfare Clinics, or by the General Practitioners, and set out below are details of injections given to persons aged under 16 years during the year :

<u>Vaccine</u>	<u>Completed Primary Courses</u>	<u>Reinforcing Injections</u>
Diphtheria	35	43
Whooping Cough	35	-
Tetanus	51	91
Poliomyelitis	35	62
Measles	77	-

Poliomyelitis

No cases were notified to the Department in 1970, the last case having occurred in 1955. Vaccination against the disease is available to everyone up to 40 years of age. Application forms are available at the Council Offices; at the County Health Department, Metropolitan House, Northgate, Chichester; and at Health Centres and Welfare Clinics.

Smallpox

The following vaccinations were carried out during 1970 in children under 16 years of age and recorded by the West Sussex County Council Health Department :

Primary Vaccinations	29
Re-Vaccinations	115

Tuberculosis

No notifications of Tuberculosis were received in 1970, and no deaths were recorded as due to this cause.

Tuberculosis (Contd.)

The following table gives details of the number of cases on the Register at the end of 1970 :

	Pulmonary			Non-Pulmonary			Total Cases		
	M	F	Total	M	F	Total	M	F	Total
Cases on Register 1.1.70.	2	4	6	2	2	4	4	6	10
Primary Notifications 1970	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Transfer Cases	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Totals	2	4	6	2	2	4	4	6	10
Cases removed in 1970	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cases on Register 31.12.70.	2	4	6	2	2	4	4	6	10

Details of Notifications received of Measles, Scarlet Fever and Whooping Cough since 1961

Disease	1961	1962	1963	1964	1965	1966	1967	1968	1969	1970
Measles ..	7	-	24	57	27	36	-	1	5	-
Scarlet Fever	-	-	-	1	1	4	-	13	7	4
Whooping Cough	6	-	-	-	-	-	11	-	-	-

